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Mr. Tom Newman Senior Geologist Holcim (US) Inc. 4629 N. Overland Trail PO Box 1468 LaPorte, CO 80535-1468

Dear Mr. Newman:

On June 1, 2000, this office received your Notice to mine diatomaceous earth from your Diatomics # 3, 4, 5 and 8 placer mining claims located in Section 7 T. 6 S., R. 7 W. (UMC 362249, 362250, 362256 and 364711). Your Notice met the requirements of 43 CFR 3809.1-3 and was accepted on June 23, 2000.

This letter is allowing you to continue your activity within the previously disturbed working slope of the existing pit as described in the open Notice (U-77753) until the final approval of Plan (U-77778). Please continue to remove and stockpile the upper one foot of topsoil in an area separate from any of the overburden to assure that the mineral soil does not contaminate the topsoil. Your stored topsoil would be readily available for concurrent reclamation as mentioned in the Notice and Plan.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact Cheryl Martinez of my staff at (801) 977-4371.

Sincerely,

BRAD D. PALMER

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Assistant Field Manager
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Cc: D. Wayne Hedberg
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